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TAGS: PINT EC SHUM
SUBJ: BUCARAM AND OTHERS JAILED FOR ELECTORAL VIOLATIONS

1. FRONT-RUNNING PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE ASSAD BUCARAM AND 29 OTHER POLITICANS WERE ARRESTED ON JANUARY 15 FOR VIOLATING AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING CAMPAIGNING DURING THE REFERENDUM TO SELECT A NEW CONSTITUTION. OTHER PROMINENT FIGURES INCLUDE OSVALDO HURTADO, PRESIDENT OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY; JULIO CESAR TRUJILLO, PRESIDENT OF PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVES; MAURICIO DAVALOS, SECRETARY OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY; AND FORMER FINANCE MINISTER LUIS GOMEZ IZQUIERDO OF THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC UNION (WHO HAD JUST BEEN RELEASED FROM CUSTODY A FEW DAYS BEFORE IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION OF THE BRIZ LOPEZ KIDNAP-KILLING).

2. BUCARAM AND A NUMBER OF HIS CONCENTRATION OF POPULAR FORCES COLLEAGUES WERE ACCUSED OF MAKING THE ROUNDS OF THE POLLING PLACES IN GUAYAQUIL TRYING TO DRUM UP LAST MINUTE SUPPORT FOR THE NEW CONSTITUTION. AFTER HAVING BEEN WARNED SEVERAL TIMES BY AUTHORITIES, THEY WERE
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REPORTEDLY ARRESTED IN A POLLING PLACE IN AN UPPER-CLASS NEIGHBORHOOD. BUCARAM COULD BE SENTENCED TO UP TO 30 DAYS IN JAIL, WHILE THE OTHERS, CHARGED WITH LESSER OFFENSES, FACE 8-15 DAYS.

3. COMMENT: THE AUTHORITIES APPARENTLY BENT OVER BACKWARDS ATTEMPTING TO GET BUCARAM TO HEEL BEFORE HE

WAS ARRESTED. ALTHOUGH AN OUTCRY FROM HIS FOLLOWERS IS
EXPECTED, EMB PERCEIVES NO VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
INVOLVED IN THE ARRESTS.
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